

Harrington Park Recreation Commission Meeting September 8, 2021, 8:00 pm Minutes

Pursuant to Governor Murphy's Executive Orders #107 and 108 ordering Statewide lockdowns, and P.L. 2020, c. 34 permitting public bodies to conduct meetings via electronic means during declared states of emergency, the meeting of the Borough of Harrington Park Environmental Commission scheduled for September 8, 2021, **at 8:00 p.m.** will be conducted remotely from the electronic meeting platform Zoom.us. Members of the public can join the meeting and participate during public comment period by joining the meeting using the Zoom mobile application on a smartphone or tablet, joining the meeting by laptop with microphone capabilities, or dialing in using a telephone to the Zoom teleconference system. Information on how to join the meeting electronically appears below. Recreation Commission of Harrington Park September 8 at 8:00 p.m. EST Link to Meeting: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6936944746?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6936944746?Pwd=Nm1BQWFsNjFpT1JmVkx3WkQzMydz09) Pwd=Nm1BQWFsNjFpT1JmVkx3WkQzMydz09 Meeting ID.: 693 694 4746 Access Code: 08052020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman's Announcement

Kelly Kramer opened the meeting at 8:04 pm with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of the scheduled meeting was made. It is posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Center. Copies have been mailed to the BERGEN RECORD, SUBURBANITE, and THE NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

ROLL CALL

COMMISSION Members	PRESENT	ABSENT
(KK) Patrick (Kelly) Kramer (vice-chair)	X	
(TD) Thomas Donnelly	X	
(JF) Jennifer Fischer	X	
(RH) Robert Hwang		X
(MP) Mahdad Parsi	X	
(AP) Ashley Plescia	X	
(MS) Matthew Saland	X	
(JC) Councilwoman Chung	X	
(LT) Lara Toomin, Recreation Director	X	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES August 11, 2021: Ashley moved to approve, second Jen. All in favor. Carried.

TOWN PROGRAMS

Town Day 9/18 12-4. Rec Commissioners should come at 10:00 to set up. We will have food vendors, wine tasting, sports experiences, eSports, activities, etc. The Rec Commission will be selling long- and short-sleeved t-shirts. Councilwoman Chung will get the cash box from the CFO.

911 Memorial All students involved in HP sports teams should come to the 11:00 ceremony. They should arrive at 10:45. Scouts are also coming.

Ragamuffin will be held at 10:30 (to be finalized) on 10/30 at Highland

PARK AND RECREATION MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING

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DPW Check-in (fields) Ashley reported that the clippings need to be picked up from the soccer fields and divots need to be replaced. She wondered who is responsible for doing that. Councilwoman Chung will set up a meeting for Rec Commissioners and DPW Supervisor. Matt Saland reported that bees need to be sprayed for, as kids are being stung.

Pondside People are asking Jen Fischer why Pondside is closed when only the bridge is unusable. Councilwoman Chung will follow up, but DPW supervisor has said that there is a lot of damage and insurance and engineering are looking into. Dredging the Pondside pond is a Rec responsibility. Funds can be allocated by the borough.

Highland Field: Kelly Kramer will talk to a paver and Jon Mangano about fixing the basketball court. Matt Saland moved to allow residents to reserve the pavilion for events without insurance or payment, second Ashley Plescia. All in favor. Carried.

George Street Mike Plescia power washed the playground. The playground needs more chips. Moss is growing inside some equipment. The motorcycle club that wants to help update George Street playground has the information necessary for making a decision. There are no updates yet. Ashley will follow up.

HP School

Beechwood

Don Horsey

Columbus Field

Tennis

Other Items/updates Ashley followed up on the new process for field allocation for sports. The deadlines are on the website.

Kevin Maroney is running fall tennis.

Open to the Public Vinnie Garrison spoke about the ice at George Street Park: he stated that when it gets bumpy the easiest remedy is to drill a hole and let the water be pulled to the top of the ice (pump and hose will cost \$400). If a hydrant is used then a firehose and nozzle are needed. As far as removing snow, would he be allowed to use the town quad and purchase a plow? He would like to move the tennis port-a-potty to the ice area for the winter. He would also like to purchase 5 or 6 trainer sleds and to put up a sign asking people not to throw things on the ice. He was reminded not to put it on a tree. The Commissioners told him this would be discussed and responded to.

The CFO will be invited to the next meeting to discuss budgets and processes

Adjourn Kelly Kramer moved to adjourn, second Tom Donnelly. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm

NEXT MEETING

Next regularly scheduled meeting is October 13, at 8:00 pm